

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

By COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

April 3

- 1 On page 1 of the printed joint memorial, line 6, delete “surprise”.
- 2 Delete lines 16 through 27 and insert:
- 3 “Whereas in June 1942, the 100th Infantry Battalion—known as the One-Puka-Puka—was formed
- 4 by the United States Army in Hawaii, consisting of more than 1,400 Nisei, or second-generation
- 5 Americans of Japanese ancestry; and
- 6 “Whereas the 100th Infantry Battalion so impressed military trainers at Camp McCoy,
- 7 Wisconsin, that on February 1, 1943, the federal government reversed its decision and allowed other
- 8 Japanese-Americans to volunteer for military service, and formed the 442nd Regimental Combat
- 9 Team—whose motto became ‘Go For Broke’—of the United States Army; and
- 10 “Whereas these Japanese-American volunteers served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd
- 11 Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service, saving tens of thousands of lives
- 12 because of their knowledge of the Japanese language and culture and helping the Allies end World
- 13 War II more quickly in the Pacific; and
- 14 “Whereas the 100th Infantry Battalion deployed to Oran, Algeria, in September 1943, then sub-
- 15 sequently redeployed to Salerno, Italy, where the unit took Monte Milieto, joined in the assault on
- 16 Monte Cassino, suffering heavy casualties, and continued on to help defend the beachhead at Anzio,
- 17 Italy; and
- 18 “Whereas the 442nd Regimental Combat Team landed at Anzio in June 1944, and joined the
- 19 100th Infantry Battalion in Civitavecchia, north of Rome; and
- 20 “Whereas the 100th Infantry Battalion was officially assigned to the 442nd Regimental Combat
- 21 Team as its 1st Battalion but was allowed to keep its unit designation in recognition of its distin-
- 22 guished fighting record; and
- 23 “Whereas the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team engaged in combat
- 24 operations continuously for 12 months throughout northern Italy, France and Germany, including
- 25 the rescue of the ‘Lost Battalion’ at Biffontaine, France, an operation in which the unit sustained
- 26 more than 800 casualties—nearly half of its roster—during a five-day period; and
- 27 “Whereas the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team became the most
- 28 decorated unit in United States military history for its size and length of service, including 21
- 29 Medals of Honor and 9,486 Purple Hearts; now, therefore,”.
- 30 On page 2, line 1, after “the” insert “100th Infantry Battalion and”.
- 31 In line 2, delete the first “its”.
- 32 Delete line 4 and insert:
- 33 “(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate
- 34 Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Postmaster General of the
- 35 United States and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.”.

